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SUBJECT: 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 Teacher Shortage Areas

The Iowa Department of Education has designated "teacher shortages areas" for Iowa. The teacher shortage areas designated for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years are listed below. In addition, they have been posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/dtsa/index.html>.

Statewide shortage areas by discipline:

Regular Education:

- 7-12 Science (all)
- K-6 & 7-12 Music
- 7-12 Mathematics
- 7-12 Foreign Language
- 7-12 Industrial Technology
- K-12 English as a Second Language
- K-12 Talented & Gifted
- 7-12 Agriculture

Special Education:

(Note: The parenthetical designations following each endorsement are the newly adopted special education endorsements for the state of Iowa.)

- K-6 & 7-12 Multicategorical Resource (Instructional Strategist I)
- K-6 & 7-12 Behavior Disorders (Instructional Strategist II LD-BD)
- K-6 & 7-12 Multicategorical Special Class With Integration (Instructional Strategist I)
- PK-K Early Childhood Special Education
- K-6 & 7-12 Mental Disabilities (Instructional Strategist II MD)
- K-12 Moderate/Severe/Profoundly Handicapped (Instructional Strategist II MD)
- K-6 & 7-12 Learning Disabilities (Instructional Strategist II LD-BD)
- K-6 Physically Handicapped
- PK-K, K-6, 7-12, & Itinerant Hearing Impaired
- PK-K, K-6, 7-12, & Itinerant Visually Impaired

If an educator obtained a Stafford Student Loan and/or Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS) while becoming licensed to teach and is employed full-time in a designated teacher shortage discipline, he/she may be eligible for up to three years of deferment. Deferment postpones repayment — it does not cancel Stafford Student Loan obligations. To receive this deferment, the educator must:

- Have borrowed for the first time between July 1, 1987, and June 30, 1993.
- Be employed full-time in a designated teacher shortage area.
- Complete a deferment form. Deferment forms are available through lending institutions. This includes having the licensure portion completed by the appropriate school official and returning the completed form to the appropriate lending institutions.
- Reapply each year, as a single deferment form is only valid for one year.

Currently, there are no Stafford Loan cancellation benefits available to educators who borrowed prior to October 1, 1998. Federal cancellation benefits may be available to new student loan borrowers (first loan after October 1998.) Visit www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/repayment/teachers for more information about federal cancellation and deferment opportunities available to educators.

Please refer federal Stafford/SLS borrowers who have general questions concerning deferment or cancellation benefits to a Client Services Representative at the Iowa College Student Aid Commission at <http://www.iowacollegeaid.org/> or at 1-800-383-4222.

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